



6/22/05

## MESSAGES FOM THE HOUSE

### **SB 2 (Jelinek)**

SB 2 would permit dead animals to be disposed of by "active composting methods," which would appear to allow composting to occur outside of a physical structure. By allowing composting to occur outside of a physical facility, the bill provides livestock producers with an alternative means of properly disposing of dead animals on their farms. Current means of disposal, including composting within a physical structure, can be impractical, unavailable, or quite costly. Moreover, there is a growing body of research that indicates that open static composting piles can be an effective and environmentally sound method of disposing of dead animals.

- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 2 [RC 267: 37 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

### **SB 512 (Hammerstrom)**

SB 512 would allow a single municipality to establish a district library. The bill would also require that a proposal for a district-wide tax be certified for inclusion on the ballot at the next general election, the State primary immediately preceding the general election, or a special election held on an otherwise regularly scheduled election date.

- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 512 [RC 263: 37 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

### **SBs 516-18 (Allen)**

SBs 516-18 would allow villages and cities to provide for staggered terms for locally elected officials.

- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 516 [RC 264: 37 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.
- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 517 [RC 265: 37 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.
- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 518 [RC 266: 37 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

## FINAL PASSAGE

## **SB 370 (Brown)**

SB 370 would require the seller's disclosure statement to include a statement that property inspections should take into account indoor air and water quality, as well as evidence of unusually high levels of potential allergens. The bill would ensure that all Michigan homebuyers were getting the same advice by requiring the seller's disclosure form required for every residential transaction to include a recommendation that inspections take into account air and water quality as well as any evidence of unusually high levels of potential allergens. This should help make buyers aware of potential indoor air and water quality problems in a residence and could reduce future litigation between buyers and sellers.

6/12:

- *Brown 1 (3 amends) was adopted.*
- *BRATER 2 (1 amend) was defeated. Buyers would have to be notified if “the property is under the regulation of the state because of any of the following on the property: wetlands, floodplain, high-risk erosion area, designated sand dune, or designated natural river area.”*
- *THOMAS 3 (1 amend) was withdrawn.*
- *THOMAS 3 (1 amend) was adopted. Buyers would have to be notified specifically of: “household mold, mildew, bacteria.”*
- *SB 370 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.*

6/22:

- **BRATER 1 (1 amend) was withdrawn.**
- **SWITALSKI 2 (1 amend) was adopted [no RC]. This would take existing language and put it in bold letters: Buyers would be warned that the property taxes might significantly rise after the sale of the house, due to changes enacted by Proposal A.**
- **BRATER 3 (1 amend) was withdrawn.**
- **SCHAUER 4 (1 amend) was withdrawn.**
- **SCHAUER 5 (1 amend) was adopted [no RC]. Existing language would be put in bold: Disclosure information in not part of the contract between buyer and seller.**
- **SB 370 passed [RC 278: 37 yes, 0 no].**

## **SB 456 (Sanborn)**

SB 456 would allow the Liquor Control Commission to allow a distributor to sell liquor below the minimum retail price in order to reduce excess inventory of a particular product. The product would have to be sold at a price and in a manner approved by the commission.

- *SB 456 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments. (6/21)*
- **SB 456 passed [RC 268: 37 yes, 0 no]. (6/22)**

## **SB 471-81 (GOP)**

SBs 471-81 would eliminate commissions, committees, boards, and panels that were established to assist, evaluate, or oversee the implementation and/or operation of the following: 1) The State courts' computerized information management system. 2) The Federal Chrysler Corporation Loan Guarantee Act. 3) The Enhanced Access to Public Records Act. 4) The State Research Fund. 5) The Michigan Strategic Fund. 6) The Highway Safety Fund.

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- *SB 471 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments.*
- *SB 473 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments.*

- *SB 474 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments.*
- *SB 477 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments.*
- *SB 478 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments.*
- *SB 480 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments.*
- *SB 481 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments.*

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- *SB 471 passed [RC 269: 37 yes, 0 no].*
- *SB 473 passed [RC 270: 37 yes, 0 no].*
- *SB 474 passed [RC 271: 37 yes, 0 no].*
- *SB 477 passed [RC 272: 37 yes, 0 no].*
- *SB 478 passed [RC 273: 37 yes, 0 no].*
- *SB 480 passed [RC 274: 37 yes, 0 no].*
- *SB 481 passed [RC 275: 37 yes, 0 no].*

### **HB 4623 (Nitz)**

HB 4623 would permit the state potato industry commission to reapportion member districts. District reapportionment would have to be based on production or industry representation, and could not begin prior to 30 days after the bill's effective date. Reapportionment could not occur more than twice in a five-year period or within six months prior to a referendum. The bill provides the state potato industry commission with greater flexibility in selecting individuals to serve on the commission. Reportedly, the commission has had difficulty finding individuals willing to serve on the commission, as production now varies greatly among the districts. Moreover, most of the other agricultural commodity marketing committees currently enjoy similar authority to reapportion their membership, as appropriate.

Support: Michigan Farm Bureau, Potato Growers of Michigan, Michigan Dept. of Agriculture.

- *HB 4623 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments. (6/21)*
- *HB 4623 passed with IE [RC 276: 37 yes, 0 no]. (6/22)*

### **HB 4635 (Hansen)**

HB 4635 would require the Department of Agriculture to develop rules concerning the distribution, sale, and storage of ammonium nitrate fertilizer (which can be used to make explosives). In particular, the rules would have to establish a system of tracking sales of ammonium nitrate and standards for noting suspicious purchase patterns.

Support: Department of Agriculture, Michigan Agri-Business Association, Michigan Farm Bureau.

- *Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted. (6/21)*
- *HB 4635 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.*
- *HB 4635 passed with IE [RC 277: 37 yes, 0 no]. (6/22)*

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **SR 40 (Allen)**

### **SCR 24 (Allen)**

SR 40 and SCR 24 urge the United States Coast Guard to continue to operate a cutter ship out of Charlevoix.

- SR 40 and SCR 24 were adopted [no RC].